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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-110-2011-0066-CX

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: See attached Tables 1, 2, and 3

PROJECT NAME: Assignment of ROWs to Williams Production RMT Company LLC and Bargath LLC

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sixth Principal Meridian,  
See attached tables for ROW descriptions { T. 4 S., R. 94 W., T. 5 S., R. 94 W., T. 2 S., R. 96 W., T. 3 S., R. 96 W., T. 4 S., R. 96 W., T. 1 S., R. 97 W., T. 2 S., R. 97 W., T. 3 S., R. 97 W., T. 4 S., R. 97 W., T. 5 S., R. 97 W., T. 1 N., R. 98 W., T. 1 S., R. 98 W., T. 2 S., R. 98 W., T. 3 S., R. 98 W., T. 5 S., R. 98 W., T. 1 N., R. 99 W., T. 1 S., R. 99 W., T. 2 S., R. 99 W.

APPLICANT: Williams Production RMT Company LLC and Bargath LLC

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION:

Williams Production RMT Company LLC has submitted an application requesting the assignment of ten access road and pipeline rights-of-way from Williams Production RMT Company (see Table 1).

Bargath LLC has submitted an application requesting the assignment of twenty-seven access road, water line, and pipeline rights-of-way, and temporary use permits from Bargath Inc (see Table 2).

Bargath LLC has submitted an application requesting the assignment of twenty-three access road and pipeline rights-of-way from Wilgath LLC (see Table 3).

Williams Production RMT Company LLC and Bargath LLC agree to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of the right-of-way grants. No construction would be authorized by this action. Any new disturbance would require an application, analysis, and authorization. Applicable stipulations from original grants would be carried forward.

PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The Proposed Action is subject to and has been reviewed for conformance with (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM 1617.3) the following plan:

Name of Plan: White River Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP).

Date Approved: July 1, 1997

Decision Number/Page: Page 2-49

Decision Language: “To make public lands available for the siting of public and private facilities through the issuance of applicable land use authorizations, in a manner that provides for reasonable protection of other resource values.”

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW:** The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11.9, Number (E-9); “*Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations.*”

The Proposed Action has been reviewed with the list of extraordinary circumstances described in the table below. This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. None of the following exceptions in 43 CFR 46.215 apply.

Exception	YES	NO
1. Have significant adverse effects on public health and safety.		x
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands, floodplains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		x
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.		x
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		x
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		x
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		x
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau of office.		x

Exception	YES	NO
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		x
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		x
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations		x
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites.		x
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species.		x

#### INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

The Proposed Action was presented to, and reviewed by, the White River Field Office interdisciplinary team on March 1, 2011. A list of resource specialists who participated in this review is available upon request from the White River Field Office.

#### REMARKS:

*Cultural Resources:* A change in name only on rights-of-way involves no new ground disturbance and should not result in impacts to any known or unknown cultural resources. It is assumed that new ground disturbance will require a separate NEPA document for the disturbance. (MRS 3/7/2011)

*Native American Religious Concerns:* No Native American religious concerns are known in the area, and none have been noted by Northern Ute tribal authorities. Should recommended inventories or future consultations with Tribal authorities reveal the existence of such sensitive properties, appropriate mitigation and/or protection measures may be undertaken. (MRS 3/7/2011)

*Threatened and Endangered Wildlife Species:* There are no wildlife-related issues or concerns associated with the Proposed Action. (LRB 03/07/11)

*Threatened and Endangered Plant Species:* There are no special status plant issues or concerns.

MITIGATION: All applicable terms and conditions of the original right-of-way grants and any amendments will be carried forward and remain in full force and effect.

COMPLIANCE PLAN: On-going compliance inspections and monitoring activities will be conducted by White River Field Office staff. Specific mitigation developed in the associated Categorical Exclusion and the grant terms and conditions will be followed. The holder will be notified of compliance related issues and will be provided 30 days to resolve such issues.

NAME OF PREPARER: Stacey Burke

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Heather Sauls

DECISION AND RATIONALE: I have reviewed this CX and have decided to approve the Proposed Action.

This action is listed in the Department Manual as an action that may be categorically excluded. I have evaluated the action relative to the 12 criteria listed above and have determined that it does not represent an exception and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:

  
Field Manager

DATE SIGNED:

07/07/11

ATTACHMENTS:

Table 1: ROW Assignments from Williams Production RMT Company to  
Williams Production RMT Company LLC

Table 2: ROW Assignments from Bargath, Inc. to Bargath, LLC

Table 3: ROW Assignments from Wilgath, LLC to Bargath, LLC

**Table 1: Assignment of ROWs from Williams Production RMT Company to Williams Production RMT Company LLC**

<b>ROW Serial #</b>	<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Legal Description</b>	<b>ROW Description</b>	<b>Length (feet)</b>	<b>Width (feet)</b>	<b>Acres</b>
COC68630	Road	T. 4 S., R. 94 W., sec. 33, 34. T. 4 S., R. 95 W., sec. 1, 12, 13, 36.	Cow Creek Road	32,400	40	29.8
COC70845	Road	T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 15, 21, 22, 23, 28.	Access Road to RGF #142-14-2-98, #233-14-2-98, #112-14-2-98, #323-14-2-98, #313-14-2-98	24,304	30	16.738
COC67666	Road	T. 3 S., R. 96 W., sec. 18, 19. T. 2 S., R. 97 W., sec. 36. T. 3 S., R. 97 W., sec. 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36. T. 4 S., R. 97 W., sec. 1, 2, 14, 15, 22, 27.	Trail Ridge/Scandard Draw Access Road	84,480	30	58.18
COC68681	Road	T. 5 S., R. 97 W., sec. 6, 7, 8. T. 5 S., R. 98 W., sec. 1, 2, 3, 10, 11.	Logan Wash Access Road to Federal TRW #13-12-598	32,000	35	25.71
COC67964	Road	T. 2 S., R. 97 W., sec. 18, 19. T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 13, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 28.	Access Road to Ryan Gulch well #23-7, Federal RG #43-15-298, Ryan Gulch #31-20-198, Ryan Gulch #33-7-298, Ryan Gulch #31-30-198	25,120	35	20.18
COC70846	Pipeline	T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 15, 21, 22, 23, 28.	Pipeline to serve RGF #142-14-2-98, #233-14-2-98, #112-14-2-98, #323-14-2-98, #313-14-2-98	24,304	25	13.949
COC56213	Pipeline	T. 2 S., R. 96 W., sec. 5, 8, 16, 17, 20, 21, 29, 32. T. 3 S., R. 96 W., sec. 5, 9, 16, 22, 27, 34. T. 4 S., R. 96 W., sec. 3.	Pipeline from Colorado Interstate Gas (CIG) Greasewood Compressor to Union Oil Plant area on Parachute Creek	53,000	30	37.44
				1,027.29	40	
COC67457	Pipeline	T. 2 S., R. 96 W., sec. 8.	Greasewood Compressor Station	427.73	200	1.96
COC71462	Road	T. 1 N., R. 98 W., sec. 32, 33. T. 1 S., R. 98 W., sec. 3, 4.	Access Road to NRG 41-9-198	16,420	50	18.85

COC73833	Road	T. 1 S., R. 97 W., sec. 19. T. 2 S., R. 97 W., sec. 27, 34. T. 3 S., R. 97 W., sec. 3, 9, 10.	Access Road to RGU 31-24-198 well pad and RG 31-16-397 well pad	21,384	40	19.64
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**Table 2: Assignment of ROWs from Bargath, Inc. to Bargath, LLC**

<b>ROW Serial #</b>	<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Legal Description</b>	<b>ROW Description</b>	<b>Length (feet)</b>	<b>Width (feet)</b>	<b>Acres</b>
COC67991	Pipeline	T. 1 S., R. 97 W., T. 2 S., R. 97 W., T. 3 S., R. 97 W., T. 1 S., R. 98 W., T. 2 S., R. 98 W., T. 3 S., R. 98 W. <i>See case file for complete legal description</i>	Ryan Gulch Gathering System Ryan Gulch Plant	364,470.9	Varies	308.77
COC68986	Pipeline	T. 5 S., R. 97 W., sec. 6, 7, 8. T. 5 S., R. 98 W., sec. 1, 3, 11, 12.	Puddin Ridge	37,880	30	26.09
COC70268	Pipeline	T. 1 N., R. 98 W., sec. 8, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33. T. 1 S., R. 98 W., sec. 3, 4.	Pipeline to serve Barcus Creek Wells	61,380	30	42.27
COC71418	Pipeline	T. 1 S., R. 98 W., sec. 19. T. 1 N., R. 99 W., sec. 35, 36. T. 1 S., R. 99 W., sec. 2, 11, 13, 14, 24.	Ryan Gulch to Barcus Creek Pipeline	40,235	30	27.71
COC71418-01	Temporary Use Permit (TUP)	T. 1 S., R. 98 W., sec. 19. T. 1 N., R. 99 W., sec. 35, 36. T. 1 S., R. 99 W., sec. 2, 11, 13, 14, 24.	Temporary Work Area for Ryan Gulch to Barcus Creek Pipeline and Water line	40,235	25	23.09
COC72895	Pipeline	T. 2 S., R. 97 W., sec. 18. T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 13, 14, 23.	Pipeline to serve #12-14-298, #32-14-298, #23-14-298, #24-14-298,	20,394	30	14.045
COC73033	Water line	T. 2 S., R. 97 W., sec. 6. T. 2 S., R., 98 W., sec. 1.	Water lines from Ryan Gulch Plant to 23- 6-297 well pad	3,910	15	1.35

COC73034	Pipeline	T. 2 S., R. 97 W., sec. 6. T. 2 S., R., 98 W., sec. 1.	Pipeline from Ryan Gulch Plant to 23-6-297 well pad	3,910	30	2.69
COC73180	Water line	T. 1 S., R. 97 W., sec. 19. T. 3 S., R. 97 W., sec. 3, 9, 10, 16. T. 1 S., R. 98 W., sec. 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35. T. 2 S., R. 98 W. sec. 1, 3.	Water lines to RGU 22-27-198, RGU 43-21-198, # 31-24-198, # 31-16-397, and #31-34-198	54,120	15	18.642
COC73844	Pipeline	T. 1 S., R. 98 W., sec. 19, 25, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36. T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 12.	Pitcher's Mound Pipeline System	68,740	50	78.9
COC73844-01	TUP	T. 1 S., R. 98 W., sec. 19, 25, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36. T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 12.	Temporary Work Area for Pitcher's Mound Pipeline System	66,730	Varies	73.3
COC73845	Water line	T. 1 S., R. 98 W., sec. 19, 25, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36. T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 12.	Pitcher's Mound Water Lines System	66,730	15	22.979
COC73886	Water line	T. 1 S., R. 98 W., sec. 19. T. 1 N., R. 98 W., sec. 31. T. 1 N., R. 99 W., sec. 35, 36. T. 1 S., R. 99 W., sec. 2, 11, 13, 14, 24.	Ryan Gulch to Barcus Creek Water Lines	40,235	15	13.855
COC73903	Pipeline	T. 2 S., R. 97 W., sec. 7, 18, 19, 20, 27, 28, 29, 32, 34, 35. T. 3 S., R. 97 W., sec. 5, 8, 16, 17. T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 12.	Black Sulphur Pipeline System Dry Gulch Compressor Station	75,944	Varies	101.87

COC73903-01	TUP	T. 2 S., R. 97 W., sec. 7, 18, 19, 20, 27, 28, 29, 32, 34, 35. T. 3 S., R. 97 W., sec. 5, 8, 16, 17. T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 12.	Temporary Work Area for Black Sulphur Pipeline System and Dry Gulch Compressor Station	75,944	Varies	76.12
COC73904	Water line	T. 2 S., R. 97 W., sec. 7, 18, 19, 20, 27, 28, 29, 32, 34, 35. T. 3 S., R. 97 W., sec. 5, 8, 16, 17. T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 12.	Black Sulphur Pipeline System Water Lines	75,944	15	26.15
COC74122	Pipeline	T. 1 S., R. 98 W., sec. 24, 25.	Pipeline to serve RGU 13-24-198 well pad	3,305	50	3.79
COC74123	Water line	T. 1 S., R. 98 W., sec. 24, 25.	Water Lines to serve RGU 13-24-198 well pad	3,305	15	1.14
COC74154	Pipeline	T. 1 S., R. 98 W., sec. 24, 25, 36.	Pipeline to serve RGU 33-24-198	8559.9	40	7.86
COC74155	Water line	T. 1 S., R. 98 W., sec. 24, 25, 36.	Water Lines to serve RGU 33-24-198	8559.9	15	2.948
COC74532	Pipeline	T. 1 S., R. 98 W., sec. 25.	Pipeline to serve RGU 31-25-198 well pad	692	50	0.794
COC74533	Water line	T. 1 S., R. 98 W., sec. 25.	Water Lines to serve RGU 31-25-198 well pad	692	15	0.24
COC74606	Pipeline	T. 3 S., R. 97 W., sec. 5.	Pipeline to serve Federal RG 22-5-397 well pad	343	30	0.236
COC74607	Water line	T. 3 S., R. 97 W., sec. 5.	Water Lines to serve Federal RG 22-5-397 well pad	343	15	0.118
COC73932	Pipeline	T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 7, 8, 18. T. 2 S., R. 99 W., sec. 13, 23, 24, 26, 27.	Ryan Ridge Pipeline System	25,631	Varies	30.34
COC73932-01	TUP	T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 7, 8, 18. T. 2 S., R. 99 W., sec. 13, 23, 24, 26, 27.	Temporary Work Area for Ryan Ridge Pipeline System	27,684	Varies	28.96
COC73933	Water line	T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 7, 8, 18. T. 2 S., R. 99 W., sec. 13, 23, 24, 26, 27.	Ryan Ridge Pipeline System Water Lines	27,684	Varies	11.65

**Table 3: Assignment of ROWs from Wilgath, LLC to Bargath, LLC**

<b>ROW Serial #</b>	<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Legal Description</b>	<b>ROW Description</b>	<b>Length (feet)</b>	<b>Width (feet)</b>	<b>Acres</b>
COC20507A	Pipeline	T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 26, 27, 34, 35.	Pipeline to serve #298-27-3 well	3,500	35	2.81
COC24022	Pipeline	T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, 31.	Ryan Gulch Extension of Black Sulphur Gathering System, and pipeline to serve #298- 22-5, #298-29-6, and #299-36-2	15,765	Varies	10.864
COC40605	Pipeline	T. 3 S., R. 97 W., sec. 8.	Gathering Pipeline consisting of 2" & 3" laterals that connect to the Fawn Creek gathering System	2,900	Varies	2.034
COC49116	Pipeline	T. 2 S., R. 97 W., sec. 19.	Pipeline that serves the Federal 1-13 well	4,009	30	2.76
COC54944	Road	T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 11, 14, 23, 24.	Access to the Gov't Patterson 14-1, Gov't 23-1, and the Gov't Prewitt 23-2 wells	13,060	20	6.00
COC55123	Road	T. 3 S., R. 98 W., sec. 3. T. 3 S., R. 99 W., sec. 13, 24.	Access to Oil & Gas Leases	15,030	30	10.35
COC58127	Pipeline	T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 24.	Pipeline to the Federal 298-25-1 well	100	30	0.07
COC58442	Pipeline	T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 23.	Pipeline to the Gov't 23-1 well	1,600	30	1.10
COC61014	Road	T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 21, 22, 28, 30, 31.	Access to the Gov't 29-3, 298-22-4, 298-22-5, P36-299 wells	16,805	30	11.575
COC61285	Road	T. 3 S., R. 98 W., sec. 33.	Access to the 4-2G, and Gov't 498-4-1 wells	990	30	0.68
COC68206	Pipeline	T. 2 S., R. 99 W., sec. 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 34.	Ryan Gulch Pipeline and Plant, also serves the 34-1 and 34-2 wells	52,525	Varies	36.175
COC68935	Road	T. 2 S., R. 99 W., sec. 24, 26, 27.	Access to the 34-1, 34-2, and 22-1 wells	7,630	30	5.254
COC68985	Pipeline	T. 2 S., R. 99 W., sec. 27. T. 3 S., R. 99 W., sec. 1.	Pipeline serving 299-22-1, 399-2-1, 399-1-1, 299-34-1, 299-34-2, 299-27-5, and 299-27-6 wells	7,130	30	4.91

COC69874	Pipeline	T. 2 S., R. 99 W., sec. 36. T. 3 S., R. 99 W., sec. 1, 11, 14, 15.	Pipeline serves the Federal 399-1-1 and 399-2-1 wells	15,770	30	10.86
COC70713	Road	T. 2 S., R. 97 W., sec. 32, lot 4. T. 3 S., R. 97 W., sec. 7, lot 1.	Access to the 297-30-2, 298-36-1, 398-11-1, 15-3, 16-2, and 22-4 wells	2,245	30	1.55
COC70714	Road	T. 3 S., R. 97 W., sec. 18, 19. T. 4 S., R. 98 W., sec. 3.	Access to the 397-18-2 and 498-3-4 wells	6,255	30	4.30
COC70715	Pipeline	T. 3 S., R. 97 W., sec. 18, 19. T. 4 S., R. 98 W., sec. 3.	Pipeline serving the 297-30-2, 397-18-2, 398-11-1, 398-22-4, and 498-3-4 wells. Also is the connecting pipeline south of Black Sulphur	5,350	35	4.30
COC74131	Pipeline	T. 3 S., R. 97 W., sec. 7. T. 3 S., R. 98 W., sec. 1, 2, 12.	Pipeline serves wells in the Black Sulphur Creek area	20,630	Varies	14.21
COC74132	Road	T. 2 S., R. 97 W., sec. 19, 34. T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 13, 14, 23, 24, 26, 34, 35. T. 3 S., R. 98 W., sec. 3, 7, 9, 10, 11, 16, 18.	Access to wells in the Black Sulphur Creek area	56,670	30	39.72
COC74133	Road	T. 2 S., R. 97 W., sec. 30, 31. T. 3 S., R. 97 W., sec. 6, 7. T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 25, 36. T. 3 S., R. 98 W., sec. 2, 10, 11, 15.	Access to the Federal 297-30-2, 298-36-1, 398-11-1, 398-15-3, 398-16-2, and 398-22-4 wells	34,025	30	23.43
COC74135	Pipeline	T. 3 S., R. 97 W., sec. 30. T. 3 S., R. 98 W., sec. 10, 15.	Connecting pipeline south of Black Sulphur Creek	5,045	Varies	3.472

COC74136	Pipeline	T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 18.	Ryan Gulch Pipeline and Plant	1,350	30	0.93
COC74137	Pipeline	T. 2 S., R. 98 W., sec. 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32. T. 3 S., R. 98 W., sec. 7.	Sagebrush Pipeline	34,836	30	23.99